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DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" May I inquire if Government do not think it proper hereafter to advertise and fill such posts? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Certainly if that will conduce to efficiency, they will certainly do it."

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister is convinced that the Director of Public Instruction knew the candidates available in the field to think that there was no necessity for calling for applications? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" We are perfectly convinced that in this matter the Director of Public Instruction has made the right recommendation." 11-15 a.m.

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is this the only instance in which the Director of Public Instruction has made his recommendation or have there been similar instances before? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" If my Friend will give me a list of subjects on which he wants information, I shall try to collect."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Do the Government realize that questions put by Members on the Opposition side are put in the public interest? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I entirely agree."

Nutrition Research Laboratory at Coonoor.

* 7 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a Nutrition Research Laboratory at Coonoor long in existence;

(*b*) whether the Government of Madras exercise any control and supervision over its activities;

(*c*) whether any contribution is made by the Government of Madras towards its up-keep;

(*d*) whether there is any proposal to shift the laboratory outside the State; and

(*e*) whether this Government have been consulted in the matter and if so, whether they have pressed for its retention here?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) Yes, since 1918.

" (*b*) No.

" (*c*) No. But the buildings known as the Jam Factory Buildings have been placed at the disposal of the Institute since 1930.

" (*d*) & (*e*) In December 1949, certain reports appeared in the Press, suggesting that a proposal was under the contemplation of the Indian Research Fund Association, to shift the Laboratory to a University town with a teaching hospital and other scientific institutions. This Government immediately addressed the Government of India requesting that the

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Provincial Government be consulted before a decision was taken. The Government of India have agreed and have asked this Government to say whether accommodation can be found in Madras City for the Laboratory. Steps are accordingly being taken by this Government to find suitable accommodation for the Laboratory in Madras City."

Teachers working in the State schools in the merged States.

* 8 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether orders have been issued in respect of teachers working in the State schools in the merged States of Pudukkottai, Banganapalle and Sandur;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what those orders are; and

(*c*) whether the general orders applicable to all employees in the service of the States prior to merger are not now applicable to all employees including teachers employed in Government schools?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The management of the elementary schools maintained by those States has been taken over by local bodies and the staff have been ordered to be merged in the elementary education staff of the local body concerned according to their qualification, seniority, etc. The teachers in Banganapalle State secondary schools will be absorbed in the service of the District Board, Kurnool, as the management of the schools has already been taken over by the District Board. Orders will be issued in regard to the absorption of the staff in the State Secondary Schools in Pudukkottai and Sandur as soon as a decision is reached on the question of their future management.

" (*c*) Yes, except that in cases of schools transferred to local bodies, the teachers concerned will be governed by rules of service of local bodies."

Reduction of issue price of salt in Fish-curing Yards on the West Coast.

* 9 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the West Coast Fisheries Industrial Association has submitted memoranda detailing the grievances of fishermen;

(*b*) whether the points raised in their memoranda have been examined and orders passed;

(*c*) what the orders of Government are on the various points; and

(*d*) whether the question of reducing the issue price of salt in Fish-curing Yards on the West Coast has been considered?

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA:—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes.